

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for folding sheet material, comprising the steps of:

feeding a sheet into an area between a fold blade and a fold blade receptacle;

clamping the sheet against the fold blade with a clamp; and

folding the sheet by moving the fold blade and the fold blade receptacle relative to one another to form a fold in the sheet by a biasing force pre-loaded in a material of the fold blade receptacle.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 26, wherein the fold is formed by moving the fold blade receptacle relative to the fold blade such that the fold blade and the sheet material pass between two spring biased members of the fold blade receptacle.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 26 27, wherein the step of folding includes forming a course fold with cantilevered free ends of the spring biased members.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~26~~ 27, wherein the step of folding forms a fine fold with contacting center portions of the spring biased members.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~26~~ 27, wherein the step of folding includes flexing the spring biased members ~~flex~~ apart due to contact with the sheet supported by the fold blade.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~26~~ 27, wherein each spring biased member includes a fold roller and the fold is formed by pinching the sheet against the fold blade with the fold rollers.

32. (Original) A sheet folding apparatus, comprising:

- a fold blade;
- a clamp movable to engage the fold blade;
- a plurality of sequentially activated members movably mounted on each side of the clamp for folding a sheet; and
- an activation system for advancing the sequentially activated members to fold the sheet, wherein the members farthest from the fold blade are activated first.

33. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 32, wherein the activation system includes a plurality of cams mounted on a cam shaft for advancing the sequentially activated members.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 32, wherein the clamp is movable to engage the fold blade by a cam mounted on ~~the~~ a cam shaft.